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NONAQUEOUS BALLPOINT  
PEN, AND NONAQUEOUS  
BALLPOINT PEN  
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**AMENDMENT AND REPLY UNDER 37 CFR 1.111**

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Sir:

This communication is responsive to the Non-Final Office Action dated April 17, 2007, concerning the above-referenced patent application.

**Amendments to the Abstract** are presented as a new Abstract attached to this document to replace the previously submitted Abstract.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this document.